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The meeting was called to order at 2.45 p.m.

Agenda item 87: Globalization and interdependence *(continued)* (A/C.2/59/L.20, L.21 and L.22)

(a) Globalization and interdependence *(continued)*

(b) International migration and development *(continued)*

(c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin *(continued)*

1 **Mr. Al-Mamhoud** (Qatar), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced the draft resolutions under agenda sub-items 87 (a), (b) and (c) and requested more time in order to negotiate them. Regarding the draft resolution under agenda sub-item 87 (a) (A/C.2/59/L.20), he stressed the resolve that had been expressed at the Millennium Summit to turn globalization into a positive force beneficial to all. It was essential to take measures at all levels to enable the developing countries to deal with the challenges posed in an increasingly globalized world. Since the draft resolution was action-oriented and balanced, the speaker hoped that it would be favourably received by Member States. Regarding the draft resolution under sub-item 87 (b) (A/C.2/59/L.21), he stressed that migrants played an important role in the development of the countries and that migration was still a complex phenomenon, whose management at the regional, national and global level continued to be a challenge. The draft resolution was balanced, covered substantive issues and was related to the preparation of the high-level dialogue scheduled to be held in 2006 as a first step toward developing, within the United Nations system, an institutional framework for improving the management of international migration. Regarding the draft resolution under sub-item 87 (c) (A/C.2/59/L.22), the text reflected the importance of the issue, and consequently the speaker hoped that the Committee

Agenda item 85: Sustainable development *(continued)*

(b) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Draft resolutions: Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/C.2/59/L.10 and L.27)

2 **Mr. Ramsden** (New Zealand), speaking as the facilitator for the draft resolution, pointed out that in operative paragraph 3 the word "possible" should be inserted between the words "highest" and "level", and that in paragraph 8 the words "within the Department of Economic and Social Affairs" should be added after the words "Small Island Developing States Unit".

3 **Ms. Navarro** (Cuba) pointed out that in paragraph 6 of the Spanish version of the draft resolution the words "solicitudes para participar y que presentaron" should read "y que presentaron solicitudes para participar".

4 *Draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.27, as orally revised, was adopted.*

5 **Mr. Ramsden** (New Zealand) said that, regarding paragraph 6 of the resolution, there had been agreement in the group concerning the accreditation of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), but subsequently a decision should be taken concerning the document and corrigendum referred to in the footnote.

6 **Ms. Napaul** (Mauritius), speaking on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), thanked the facilitator for his diligence and his skill at achieving a consensus, and reiterated her disappointment at the fact that the Secretariat had not implemented General Assembly resolutions 57/262 and 58/213, and in particular the provisions concerning the reinforcement of the Small Island Developing States Unit in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs for the preparation of the International Meeting in

7. *Draft resolution A C.2 59 L.10 was withdrawn.*

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Draft resolutions: International cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (A C.2 59 L.8 and L.23)

8. **Mr. Toscano** (Switzerland) introduced draft resolution A/C 2/59/L 23 and said that the text was ready for adoption.

9. *Draft resolution A C.2 59 L.23 was approved.*

10. *Draft resolution A C.2 59 L.8 was withdrawn.*

(g) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development

Draft resolutions: United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (A C.2 59 L.9 and L.24)

11. **Ms. Tomić** (Slovenia), speaking as the facilitator, introduced draft resolution A/C 2/59/L 24 and said that in the first line of paragraph 4 the word "invite" should be replaced with the words "call upon".

12. **Mr. Sunaga** (Japan) said that the following countries had become sponsors of the draft resolution: Algeria, Andorra, Cambodia, China, El Salvador, Gabon, Iceland, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Lithuania, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Uganda and United States of America.

13. *Draft resolution A C.2 59 L.24 was approved.*

14. *Draft resolution A C.2 59 L.9 was withdrawn.*

The meeting rose at 15.55 p.m.